

Poetry.

THE CHILD AT PRAYER.

'Twas a summer's eve—the rosy light
Had faded from the sky,
And stars came twinkling, pure and bright,
Through the blue arch on high;
The western breeze softly stole,
To kiss the sleeping flower,
And nature wore her sweetest smile,
To bless the twilight hour.

There sat within a curtained room
A mother young and fair—
What voice comes softly through the gloom?
'Tis childhood's voice in prayer:
A cherub is kneeling now
Beside that mother's knee—
She who had taught him when to bow
Before the Deity.

A father on the distant deep,
A sister slumbering near,
A babe upon his mother's breast,
And that kind mother dear;
For every living thing he loves,
His prayers ascend to heaven,
And for himself he humbly asks
Each sin may be forgiven.

And oft in after years, when grief
Shall bow his spirits down,
And the cold, bitter, heartless world
Shall meet him with a frown;
Or when allured from virtue's path,
He treads a dangerous way,
Oh! he will turn to this blessed hour,
When first he knelt to pray,
And the kind hand which then was laid
Upon his silken hair;
And the soft voice which taught him first
His simple words of prayer,
Will come again with thrilling power
To still his pulses wild,
And lure him back in that dark hour
As sinless as a child.

The prayer is o'er, the last fond kiss
By that kind mother given;
But rises not from scenes like this
That childish prayer to heaven?
It does, it does; an angel's wing
Has borne its tone with joy,
And the sweet blessing which it sought
Comes on the sleeping boy.

"TIME CHANGES ALL THINGS."

Sweet budding spring throws lovingly over
The gray old rock the graceful, clinging vine.
Daily she scatters many beautifully tinted
Flowers, covers the earth's uneven surface
With verdant grass, but not long does her
soft, fresh beauty linger with us. Ere we can
sufficiently admire, the land-cape changes,
the waiting winds chant a requiem over its
departed loveliness, "heaped in the hollows
of the grave the withered leaves lie dead."

The sunny smiles, bounding footsteps and
unclouded brow of gladsome childhood are
succeeded by the cares of manhood, the
furrows and trembling steps of old age.

The golden clouds at sunset herald the
sombre shades of night, and summer's sunniest
skies become overcast. Her smiles
change to tears.

Bright and beautiful are the dreams of
laughing, blushing girlhood, but, like the
sparkling dew drops, they remain not long,
and ere life's noonday is reached, are gone
forever. With unweary skill, while bright-
winged phantoms lure us on, we build castles
in the air, rearing proud, fair structures, un-
mindful that around us on all sides are
strawed the wrecks of other visions once as
bright as ours.

One by one the flowers of life's sweet gar-
den fade slowly—one by one the links of
friendship's chain are removed. Blessed be
God, who has taught us that the tomb is the
garden of immortal flowers. The chain will
be complete in Heaven. "Planting forget-
me-not in the place of the weeping willow,
we will write here sleeps, not dead."

HAPPY RELIEF.—The secretary of war has
received the resignation of Geo. B. Butler;
the resignation to date from Nov. 30th, 1865.
"Alas! poor Torrick"—Grant's report did the
business. Sound the ke-gong—strike the
ke-gong—the hero of Fort Fisher is again a
private citizen.—Washington Union, 9th.

The Memphis Bulletin, commenting
upon the action of the Mississippi legislature,
touching the rights of freedmen, says:
The Mississippi legislature, like that of
Tennessee, has only succeeded in protract-
ing indefinitely the existence of the freed-
men's bureau and of negro garrisons.

When Sir Walter Scott was urged not
to prop the falling credit of an acquaintance,
he replied: The man was my friend when
friends were few, and I will be his, now that
his enemies are many."

The Florida papers are clamorous for
the liberation of Mr. Yale from Fort Pulaski,
as his presence is very essential to the rapid
development of internal improvements and
other important interests.

Punch's caution to the ladies—a silk
dress should never be sat-in.

GEN. JUBAL A. EARLY.—Advice from
Nassau, N. Y., announces the presence
of Lieutenant General Jubal A. Early
in that place, where he is residing for the
present, and is engaged in writing a his-
tory of his campaigns.

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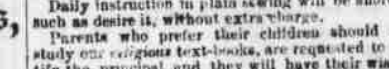
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